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## **Prescribed Burn on the Tres Piedras Ranger District**

**Taos, New Mexico, September 20, 2006** – Recent warm daytime temperatures and cool nights have provided another window of opportunity for the continuation of the Dry Lakes II Prescribed Burn Project on the Tres Piedras Ranger District of the Carson National Forest. 225 acres of this project were successfully completed yesterday with approximately 250 acres remaining. Plans are to continue burning as weather conditions permit until the remaining acres are accomplished.

The purpose of this burn is to reduce the current levels of hazardous fuels which will help minimize the threat of catastrophic wildfire to the local community and improve wildlife habitat by increasing winter forage.

Some smoke may still be visible today in and around the community of Tres Piedras.

For more information on this project, please contact the Tres Piedras Ranger District at 505-758-8678.

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